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Subject: RE: Forum on GenX and Water Quality

Jennifer,

Thank you for sharing the request for participation in the upcoming forum. I participated in a public forum hosted by the local media in Wilmington last night. I think it would be helpful if EPA could provide participants to cover the issues at future forums. I appreciate that you all need to get approval through the appropriate channels in your agency. I would welcome the opportunity to have DEQ, DHHS and EPA partner for future forums. I do want to say thank you for all the support that Region 4 and ORD are providing North Carolina as we address this unregulated chemical.

Sheila

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I am thinking it may be best to decline the request. I have not yet heard back from the state
Do others agree?

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Forgot to mention –

At this point I would recommend we not commit to this request at this time, until we've had a chance to properly vet the request with HQ OPA, as this is a public event.

Larry

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The Public Information Officer should have sent this request to my office, as opposed to reaching out directly, Once you decide direction, I will be happy to reach out to him This would definitely need to be coordinated with HQ.

Larry

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I have not heard of a request either. I think we need to assume that if EPA participates in a panel on this topic, there will be an expectation that we can speak to the spectrum of issues at play here. I don't know that the public will recognize the difference between a ORD researcher and an EPA DW expert who can speak to the broader issues of what is known and not known about the health impacts of these constituents, the nature of the science around human health impacts here vs. contaminants that we regulate or have health advisories for, and the broader process of regulating for safe drinking water. I think if we have someone participate in the panel, we should make sure we can address the questions that we can expect will arise. This speaks more broadly to developing some talking points around this issue.

From: Allenbach, Becky

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We at the Region have not been asked to the best of my knowledge, but I am copying my staff person in case she has been asked. I think there will be a lot of questions on whether the water is safe to drink. Would Mark be contributing to that discussion, or would he leave that to the North Carolina Department of health?

Becky B. Allenbach, Acting Deputy Director
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On Jun 29, 2017, at 7:48 AM, Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning!

Please see request below requesting that our lead chemist on GenX participate on a panel. I wanted to check with you to see if you also received this request and whether you are comfortable with our participation on this.

Let me know and thanks!

jennifer

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Good afternoon Dr. Strynar,

My name is Tyler Wittkofsky. I am the Public Information Officer with Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO, a water provider that serves most of northern Brunswick County. Since the breaking news of GenX and other contaminants found in our drinking water supply (The Cape Fear River), there have been two forums on the issue of the quality of our drinking water in New Hanover County, however there have been none in Brunswick County. As a native of Brunswick County and an employee of a local water utility, I want to bring a forum to Brunswick County so that our residents can learn about it without having to travel across the bridge.

The reason for my email today is to see if you would be interested in participating in a forum to discuss the study and the water quality of our drinking water supply. I am only in the planning stages, but I want to gauge the interest of potential panelists. I want the panel to consist of experts and focus on the issue at hand and not turn political. I will be reaching out to potential panelists in the forthcoming days and when I have an idea of the interest of those willing to participate, I will be working on getting available dates for our venue and finding out the availabilities of the panelists according to the venues openings. I hope to fast-track this forum to come within a few weeks, if not sooner.

Please let me know your interest in participating at your earliest convenience and we will go from there.

Thank you for your time,

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